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SUBJECT: U.S.-BRAZIL BIOFUELS DEMARCHE: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
REMAINS INTERESTED

REF: A. STATE 73635

[1](#)B. SANTO DOMINGO 0715

[1](#)1. On May 31 Charge, accompanied by Brazilian Ambassador
Ronaldo Dunlop, delivered ref A demarche to Jose Manuel
Trullols, Chief of Staff to Foreign Minister Morales (Morales
briefly dropped by the meeting). Trullols was joined by MFA
Adjunct Ambassador Juan Pla Gomez.

[1](#)2. Trullols welcomed the new information on the joint
Brazilian and U.S. offer of assistance in developing biofuels
capacity, as had Morales when the Embassy last delivered a
demarche on this subject (ref B). Trullols observed that
several positive factors are converging that will help
develop the biofuels sector, including interest from the
Dominican private sector and the U.S.-Brazilian initiative.

[1](#)3. Trullols pledged to (i) brief the Foreign Minister on our
demarche prior to his departure for the OAS General Assembly,
and (ii) respond to the questions posed in the demarche.
Regarding establishing a point of contact in the Dominican
Government for follow up, the Chief of Staff said that the
decision would be made by President Fernandez. In fact,
because of the involvement in biofuels by multiple agencies
-- e.g. Foreign Affairs, Industry and Commerce, and the
National Energy Commission -- he is recommending that the
Foreign Minister have a broad discussion of biofuels issues
with the President. Trullols asked to be kept informed of
the planned visit of USTDA officers.

[1](#)4. Ambassador Pla noted that the Dominican Republic and
Brazil had signed a Memorandum of Understanding on biofuels
cooperation in April, and expressed a desire to ensure that
any new accords signed by the Dominicans not be in conflict
with the MOU. (The MOU was approved yesterday by the
Dominican Congress.)

[1](#)5. This report and extensive other material can be consulted
on our SIPRNET site,

<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/wha/santodomingo/>
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